

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 7pm

Attendance: Mike Gawley, Mike Rasmussen, Lisa Seidl, Brett Sims, Kevin Ortmeier, Charles Olson, Brent Harris. Absent PPC representatives Kathy Moritz and Michelle Zadalis. Others present include Fr. Fangman and Lindsey Hess.

Meeting called to order at 7:10

Opening Prayer led by Fr. Tom

A motion to approve last meeting minutes was made by Charles Olsen and seconded by Mike Gawley

Unanimous vote to pass motion for meeting minutes

RF Committee: \*Ron Hawkins email reviewed: 870 RF students, 390 summer kids

Confirmation projections near 185 for next year

\*RF committee members both appointed and elected include: Paula Anderson, Wendy Cobb, Linda Mack, Ron Hawkins, Mary Hawkins, JoAnn Mancuso, Ann Rasmussen, Chris Stara, and Fr. Fangman and Mary McMahan.

\*Parish theme to be incorporated into RF

Car talk for first week of RF and report back (discussion ensued regarding taking this throughout parish)

Find someone they know are seeking true happiness and report back to class

\* Need Sub-committee for confirmation timeline to allow more time for confirmation tasks to be completed by dates

\*Have group of 4 RF parents and 4 school parents to discuss opportunities for keeping faith alive. They plan to incorporate RF and 5 day school class into confirmation class with personal journey and change way we look at process—group has met and changes are going to be noticed throughout process. Likely 2 year program with parental involvement, fewer retreats, reflections between sponsors and confirmation candidates, supplement with Mathew Kellys “Decision Point” curriculum, structure change of service hours and choose meaningful projects

Financial Committee: Mike reports meeting has not happened since last meeting. Next financial meeting will be next Wednesday. Looking to discuss financial opportunities for kids to have meals who can't afford them

School Board Committee: We will have an attendee at Parish Pastoral Council from School Board. Attendees will alternate.

## Unfinished Business:

Athletic Committee: Brent attended meetings last month to discuss parish theme. Athletic committee added banner to field with parish theme on it. Discussed RF families and athletics. Feedback is that athletic committee hasn't heard much from parish for advertising, could announce at mass sports sign ups, discussed advertising for sports to RF families versus 5 day school families, home in school will put theme in directory

9 acres: Partnership to deal with elkhorn soccer club to fund beyond what parishioners volunteer to do, Friday 50 semi loads of asphalt to begin base of parking lot, once ground breaking happens will be tax free, missed timeline for seeding grass with Sunco and JPM for soccer, have informed Frank who donated the land and he approves of plan, rent free years are negotiable and St. Pat's use is free to practice and play games. It is a flood plain so green space approved by city, we have electrician and well making bids and irrigation and land maintenance to keep parishioners involved.

Alcohol License: Liquor license for trivia night/3 remaining opportunities for liquor license events

\*3 criteria to not have license: Everything free, no advertising, invitation only

Do we add criteria to liquor request form? Have people refer to city of Omaha liquor license, requests will be brought to parish pastoral council. What is definition of advertising? Is bulletin advertising? Brett will add 3 questions to Alcohol Request Form.

Moving forward if we desire as a parish to get annual liquor license will cost 2,000 up front to get done (applications, fire inspection, service fees, up front costs) Will check with archdiocese and determine if annual liquor license is appropriate avenue (Mike/Charles). Will check if annual liquor license will effect insurance of parish.

Alcohol Requests: November 16<sup>th</sup> Charles/Knights of Columbus will cover license. Brent will talk to Eddie for kick off for SPIRIT. Kevin Motioned to approve Alcohol Request for Pre- SPIRIT Mike seconded, passed by unanimous vote.

Alcohol Request form revisions: Brett will update form for review at next meeting.

Secretary for 2017/2018 year: Lindsey Hess has volunteered to fill this role

Theme Implementation: Mike will obtain leaders list for discussion at next meeting.

"Faith Seeking Understanding"

\*How much buy in is there in the school side for theme implementation? Could we talk to teachers vs. school board. 1:1 with principal Kami and Nick Mumm assistant principal, school can add theme to their announcements so they hear it day to day. Could Laura Dwyer or someone else work theme into scoreboard/square vision? May need to identify individual who can do it. Mike will get logo on scoreboard by end of week. Theme on screen in Narthex. Opportunity for stairwell to downstairs advertising of theme/Brett volunteers daughters to paint something on staircase of new building. Brett will ask daughters to create something.

Meitler study/Divine Renovation: Steering committee meeting with 10 attendees. Meeting was typical fashion of talented people in room bringing great attributes to parish, however may not have been given specific tasks to help parish. Meeting lacked accomplishment of implementing

changes and leaders. Need to allow leaders to meet and generate direction of group and parish people need to be included but not lead the direction. Need to rely on leaders talents to move forward and make great changes in parish. Meitler study not getting attention it deserves since parish pastoral council has other commitments. Meitler study is 2 parts: Do we need to separate the avenues to achieve meitler study?

1)Growth from building aspects 2)Growth for evangelizing and outreach for parishioners

\*Need to plan for 5 years/10 years to carry on sustainability, need development plans, discuss financials and growth development, we NEED plan for building programs, space, growth

We are somewhat in “crisis” because we have desire for “small town church” and we are largest one! 80/20 rule—80 percent desire it, 20 percent never want it, Need to plan ahead with 3, 5, 10 year vision. Where is strategic plan? Why do we get off task? Need to have successful business leaders in parish work together to plan strategically for parish. Will work to establish group of leaders to strategically plan for vision under meitler study.

Kevin and Brent met with Father and Jessica and Vikki to determine role of parish pastoral council to provide guidance regarding what the role of this council is.

May need to have follow up with Jessica and Vikki to get follow up each month before our meeting.

Need to review Parish Pastoral Council/Guidelines—Why were they formed in Vatican 2—lay people support pastoral council –involvement

Father Tom expressed his desire to listen to everyone and stated that St. Pats is a big ship to steer. He called upon the intercession of Mary and led the group in a Hail Mary.

Next meeting will be October 12 at 7pm in the Parish Center.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Lindsey Hess

